

Remarks

In the Action, claims 8-16, 21 and 22 were allowed.

In the Action, claims 2-7, 19 and 20 were indicated as reciting allowable subject matter, and it was stated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

The indication of allowable subject matter is greatly appreciated.

Applicants continue to respectfully traverse the rejections. However in order to advance prosecution, Applicants seek to amend the claims herein in a manner that would place them in allowable form. The Applicants reserve all rights to present claims of different scope through the filing of a continuation application.

Claim 1 has been amended herein to recite the subject matter of claim 2, which was indicated to be allowable. Claim 2 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 3 has been amended to depend from claim 1. It is therefore respectfully submitted that claim 1, as well as claims 3-7 which depend therefrom, are now allowable.

Claim 17 has been amended to recite the subject matter indicated to be allowable in claim 19, as well as the subject matter recited in intermediate claim 18. Claims 18 and 19 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 20 has been amended to depend from amended claim 17. It is therefore respectfully submitted that claim 17 and claim 20 which depends therefrom, are now allowable.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that all the claims remaining in the application, namely claims 1, 3-17, and 20-22, are allowable.

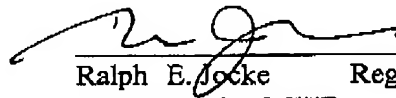
No Fees are Due

It is believed that no fees are required upon the submission of this Response. However, if any fees are due, authorization is given to charge the fees to deposit account 09-0428.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment places all pending claims in condition for allowance, and the amendments are appropriately admitted after final action. The undersigned will be happy to discuss any aspect of the Application by telephone at the Office's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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